

Crosswinds: Thank you for Caring



"I used to be the kind of girl who did not care about anything. I first started hanging out with the wrong crowd. Then I started skipping classes

and not doing my work; making bad grades was something I never thought I would fix. Finally I just quit going to school. I dropped out in the eighth grade...I felt like my life was over.

I got sent to a part of Crosswinds which changed my life completely. It has helped me to feel better about myself and believe in myself that I can do anything I put my mind to. I am also making good grades for the first time ever.

My parents say I am a whole new person now, and we all get along. I have a goal of going into the Coast Guard.

I would then like to go to college and learn how to be a nurse. It is nice to know there are people that care about us and are willing to help us out. It means so much to each and every one of us. Some of us at Crosswinds have nothing and have never felt loved. Thank you again for caring. Knowing that you care makes us feel good about ourselves."

-Former Crosswinds Youth

For general information about Crosswinds services, to volunteer, or to make a donation, call 452-0800, or visit the web site: www.crosswindseyouthservices.org. Your donations to Crosswinds, a 501(c)(3) charity, are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

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PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- **Robert E. Lehton Children's Shelter**, a 24-Hour Emergency Shelter for young people in crisis ages 10 to 17
- **Transitional Living Program** provides housing, support, and skill development for young adults ages 16-21 to prepare for successful adulthood
- **Rainwater Center**, a day treatment program for girls in the juvenile justice system
- **Intensive Delinquency Diversion Services**, a comprehensive program for first-time juvenile offenders and their families
- Assessment and referrals at the **Brevard Juvenile Assessment Center**
- **Community Counseling/Case Management** for at risk youth and their families
- **Family Therapy** program for youth on probation
- **Project Safe Place** where children access help through businesses and public buildings
- **PAWS Therapy Dog Program**, reading enhancement through the use and interaction of therapy dogs
- **Independent Living Services** for youth transitioning from foster care to adulthood
- **Street Outreach** to runaway, homeless and at-risk youth

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Crosswinds was founded in 1974 to provide support to youth in crisis and has been providing services to youth and families in Brevard County for over thirty years.

Crosswinds provides services to thousands of young people and families each year, through programs designed to strengthen families and offer young people the support, skills and opportunities they need to succeed.

Crosswinds Youth Services

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Eligibility Criteria

Children and Families in Need of Services (CINS/FINS): Youth under the age of 18, who are truant, have run away or are at risk of running away from home, and/or are beyond parental control (ungovernable). These youth are at high risk of delinquency.

Services are offered to the youth and their families county-wide through home visits and in Crosswinds offices.

Services Available

- Community-based counseling and case management services to at-risk youth and their families for an average of 12 weeks
- Assessment and individualized case planning
- Family and group counseling throughout Brevard County
- Referrals to community providers, as appropriate
- Respite care available through the Robert E. Lehton Children's Shelter

Referral Process

Referrals are made to the Community Counseling/Case Management Program directly from families, law enforcement, school officials, and public and private agents.

For additional information on the Community Counseling/Case Management Program, contact Karen Locke, Chief Operating Officer, at 321-452-0800, ext. 130.

**If you are a youth, parent
or friend seeking services**

PLEASE CALL OUR

24 Hour Crisis

Information and Referral Line

321.452.0800

